

I Imagined This...



But Heroin Lied.



Choose Not to Start!

Heroin is NOT what's up

We know that, like most teens, you would never even consider trying a dangerous drug like heroin but we still want you to know...

- All heroin is addictive and dangerous – no matter how it's used.
- Like any illegal drug, heroin purity varies greatly. You never know what poison may be mixed with it.
- Some of the deadliest heroin in the nation is found right here in Massachusetts.
- Over 450 people in Massachusetts died of heroin and other opiate overdoses in 2001.
- In 2003, there were over 36,000 admissions to heroin treatment programs in Massachusetts.
- Heroin can kill, even after one use.
- When heroin is injected, there is a greater risk of getting HIV/AIDS.
- Possession of heroin is a crime, punishable with jail time.

Go online and check out the facts for yourself.

Here are some websites for you:

<http://www.freevibe.com>

<http://www.health.org/govpubs/PHD860/>

<http://www.health.org/govpubs/RPO928/>

If you're worried about yourself, a friend or family member who may be using drugs **call anonymously (800) 327-5050** or visit www.helpline-online.com.

The Massachusetts Substance Abuse Information and Education Helpline is available 24 hours a day for information and treatment options.

**Share this information with people you care about.
Stay informed, stay healthy.**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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